DR. S. JOHN (*Surgeon General*): *(a)* Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The work has been arranged to be taken up soon.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know how long since the Government have received this donation for the construction of a pay ward?

DR. S. JOHN: About a year ago.

Doctor in charge of the hospital at Pathanamthitta.

442. *MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the fact that the doctor now in charge of the hospital at Pathanamthitta is deficient in eye-sight, has been brought to their notice?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes. One eye of the Medical Officer has got defective vision which does not interfere with his official duties.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: രണ്ടു കണ്ണും പൂർണ്ണമായി കാഴ്ചയുള്ള ഡാക്ടർമാരെ ആശുപത്രികളിൽ നിയമിക്കുന്നതല്ലേ നല്ലത്?

DR. S. JOHN: ഈ ഡാക്ടർക്ക് ഒരു കണ്ണു കാണാൻ തരമുള്ളൂ.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: സർ, ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

DR. S. JOHN: The doctor's left eye is defective.

MR. V. I. IDICULA: അങ്ങനെയുള്ളവരെ കൂടുതൽ ഡാക്ടർമാരുള്ള ആശുപത്രികളിൽ നിയമിക്കുന്നതല്ലേ കൂടുതൽ കാര്യക്ഷമമെന്നു പറയാൻ മടിയുണ്ടാകുമോ?

DR. S. JOHN: മുക്കാൽഭാഗം ഡാക്ടർമാരുടേയും മാത്രം കണ്ണു കാണാതിരിക്കും. (*Laughter*)

MR. V. I. IDICULA: സർജൻ ജനറലിന്റെ രണ്ടു കണ്ണുകൊണ്ടും കാഴ്ചയുണ്ടോ?

DR. S. JOHN: ഞാൻ കണ്ണാടി വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. (*Laughter*)

Vizhinjom Dispensary.

443. MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state how far the proposed construction of building for Vizhinjom dispensary has progressed?

DR. S. JOHN: An estimate for the work has been sanctioned and tenders are being called for.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know when the estimate was sanctioned?

DR. S. JOHN: Two months ago.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know by whom the tender was called? Was it by the Medical Department or the P. W. D.?

DR. S. JOHN: P. W. D.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the Medical Department is going to supervise the construction work or is it to be done by the P. W. D.?

DR. S. JOHN: Supervision work will be left to the P. W. D.

Medical Officer at Adimaly Dispensary.

444. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long is it since the Medical Officer at Adimaly Dispensary in Mannamkandam passed away;

(*b*) whether any qualified doctor was appointed in his place;

(*c*) who is in charge of that dispensary;

(*d*) whether there were complaints about the violent attack of malaria in those parts; and

(*e*) what steps have been so far taken by the department to prevent it.

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) He died on 20-7-1120.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The compounder attached to the dispensary.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Malaria control by spraying of house with pyrethrum is being carried out under the auspices of the Public Health Department.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know why a successor was not appointed at Adimaly Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: No doctor is available now.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether Adimaly Dispensary is a daily dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know whether the Kallar Dispensary is a bi-weekly Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes. It is a bi-weekly dispensary.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know who is looking after the work there?

DR. S. JOHN: The compounder goes there twice a week.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know how it is possible for a compounder to look after the duties of the Doctor both in the Daily Dispensary as well as in the bi-weekly Dispensary?

DR. S. JOHN: The compounder goes there only in the evening.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know whether that compounder is competent to give medicines and whether he is a registered medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Act recently passed by Government?

DR. S. JOHN: Because no doctor is available to be posted in that hospital, the compounder has been asked simply to give quinine mixture under my direction to malaria patients, and nothing else.

RAO SAHIB A. K. BHASKAR: May I ask whether qualified doctors are not now available for appointment by the Surgeon-General?

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